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McCloy briefed Lequerica on Cuban situation, adding to factual account thought that manner in which Soviets built bases suggests they for use as pressure in connection with Soviet move in Europe, and hence our action is in fact in defense of Europe as well as of US.

Lequerica expressed understanding of seriousness of situation and of fact our action not precipitate. Pledged full Spanish support, and indicated optimism. Pinies, who accompanied Lequerica, commented "Now you have shown they will back down".

Pinies somewhat disturbed at interpretation given Spanish Government statement by US press, insisting statement fully supported US position.

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